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COMPREHENSIVE ENERGY PLAN

(Mr. ELLISON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. ELLISON. Mr. Speaker, there is a real difference between the Democratic and Republican plans when it comes to energy. The comprehensive Democratic plan is an American-owned, 21st-century energy plan, and the Republican plan is not.

The Democratic plan lowers prices for consumers and protects taxpayers, expands renewable sources of energy, and increases our security by freeing America from the grip of foreign oil. Perhaps this is the problem with the objection to the Democratic plan: it requires Big Oil to pay what it owes taxpayers. It ends subsidies to Big Oil companies. Maybe some people don't like that. And it creates good-paying jobs here in America.

The Republican bill is more of the same old Bush-CHENEY, two oilmen in the White House energy policy written by and for the oil companies. It is time to end that policy.

ENERGY BILL WITH NO ENERGY

(Mr. TERRY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. TERRY. Mr. Speaker, this is an extremely disappointing day for me, and I assume for America. Today is the day when we finally have an energy bill, except it doesn't have energy in it. And America wants us to work together, the Republicans and Democrats to work together, so that we have a comprehensive American energy plan that makes us independent of foreign oil where we can have price stability.

But unfortunately, as Republicans repeatedly reached out to the Democrat leadership to be involved in this process, we were totally shut out. The only negotiations occurred within the Speaker's office, and no Republican was allowed. We didn't even see the bill until late last night. This is not a true energy bill. If she would have included some of us, we could have made this hoax of a bill a lot better for the American public.

For example, they say that they open up 12 percent of the resources, but then put conditions on it that really can't be met. So even that 12 percent of the coastal waters are not going to be opened up while they pass a permanent moratorium on 88 percent.

This is a hoax, and America needs to see it for what it is.

COMPREHENSIVE AMERICAN ENERGY

(Mr. CARSON of Indiana asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. CARSON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, there are real differences when we talk about the Democratic and Repub-

lican energy plan. We are talking about expanding renewable sources of energy, and we are talking about creating good-paying jobs here in the great United States of America.

Since January alone, 90,000 Americans lost their jobs; 16,000 of those Americans were from the great Hoosier State of Indiana. The Center for American Progress just released a report saying if we invest \$100 billion into a comprehensive plan, we will be able to create 2 million green jobs in 2 years. We have already spent trillions of dollars in Iraq. We can invest \$100 billion in a comprehensive plan that can employ Americans. Eighty percent of Hoosiers are without college degrees; 70 percent of Americans are without college degrees. This is an opportunity to help Americans pull themselves out of poverty by investing in the green movement.

ENERGY PROPOSALS

(Mr. FERGUSON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. FERGUSON. Mr. Speaker, today we have a stark contrast between the Republican approach to solving the energy crisis in our country and the liberal Democrat and the radical environmentalist approach to solving the energy crisis in our country.

We are going to look at two different pieces of legislation, the American Energy Act written by Republicans and some of our friends on the Democratic side, and the Democrats and radical environmentalist no-energy plan that we will have to vote on today.

Because it might not be easy to see this chart, I am going to go down this chart.

Real offshore exploration for new energy: Republicans say yes; Democrats say no.

Renewable energy without raising your taxes: Republicans say yes, Democrats say no.

Real oil shale exploration to find new energy: Republicans say yes; Democrats say no.

Drilling off the Arctic coastal plain: Republicans say yes; Democrats say no.

Emission-free nuclear energy to help us find new electricity and power: Republicans say yes; Democrats say no.

Clean coal technology: Republicans say yes; Democrats say no.

Increasing our refinery capacity in our country: Republicans say yes; Democrats say no.

The Democratic energy plan is a sham. Vote it down.

DEMOCRATS PROVIDE RELIEF AT THE PUMP

(Mr. PAYNE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, when it comes to gas prices, Republicans don't have a record to be proud of. For 8

years, Washington Republicans have favored profits for Big Oil while America is paying record prices at the pump.

House Democrats know this country needs comprehensive energy legislation to bring down gas prices and invest in the energy sources of the future.

This week we will vote on comprehensive legislation that invests in renewable energy sources and responsibly increases domestic supply by opening portions of the Outer Continental Shelf for drilling.

In New Jersey, we want this energy package which will provide real relief for consumers at the pump, help end our dependence on foreign oil, create millions of new jobs, and help transition America to a cleaner, renewable energy future.

Mr. Speaker, just talking about an all-of-the-above plan won't help consumers who are pumping hundreds of dollars into their gas tanks every day. We need to pass a Democratic all-of-the-above plan that will help us solve our energy problems.

AMERICA HAS TO HAVE OWN RESOURCES

(Mr. ISSA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. ISSA. Mr. Speaker, the American people know who the Republicans are. We are the party that for decades the Democrats, backed by the radical left, have accused of wanting to do nuclear power. We are the party that for decades the environmental movement has fought because we wanted to drill for oil and natural gas in America.

Mr. Speaker, we are the party that has this energy bill that is not being considered, while your party, headed by NICK RAHALL, GENE GREEN, GEORGE MILLER, and JOHN DINGELL, is claiming to have a bipartisan bill that is yours which does nothing.

Mr. Speaker, there is no Republican in your bipartisan. That is a new definition even for this Democrat Congress.

Mr. Speaker, back in 1998 I called for our California coast to be opened for exploration so we would have a strategic reserve we could tap in time of need. Guess what, BARBARA BOXER and the radical left attacked me. I lost that election. I haven't changed my position since then; I never will. America has to have its own resources. We are the party that you know has wanted to do that, and you are the party that has been blocking it.

RELIEF AT THE PUMP

(Mr. CLEAVER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. CLEAVER. Mr. Speaker, it really troubles me that the United States is borrowing money from China to buy oil from Saudi Arabia to put in cars from Japan.